

Amendments

I. In the Claims

1. (canceled)
2. (canceled)
3. (canceled)
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6. (canceled)
7. (canceled)
8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A system for loading or unloading a container or other structure from a transport vehicle comprising, in combination,

(a) an elongated body removably attached to a transport vehicle, where the elongated body comprises a track and has a length that is defined by a front end located adjacent to a transport vehicle cab and a rear end located opposite the front;

(b) a multi-stage central hydraulic cylinder having a fixed end and a moving end, where the fixed end is attached to the rear end of the elongated body and the moving end is attached directly to a carriage such that extending and retracting the central hydraulic cylinder moves the carriage from the rear of the elongated body to the front of the elongated body without using cables, wires, chains, or pulleys, where the carriage is slidably attached to the track of the elongated body and is adapted to travel from the rear end to the front end of the elongated body during loading of a container onto the transport vehicle and where the carriage has mounted thereon a combination of,

a first engaging mechanism comprising a jib [the jib] and hook connected to a first pair of hydraulic cylinders configured to raise and lower the jib [the job] and hook about a pivot point, and

a second engaging mechanism comprising a cable sheave and cable combination, where the cable slidably engages the cable sheave that is mounted on the carriage, where a fixed end of the cable is attached directly to the elongated body and a free end is configured to releasably engage the container or structure such that as the carriage moves towards the front end of the elongated body the cable is pulled around the cable sheave and pulls a connected container or other structure in the same direction as the carriage,

where the first and second engaging mechanisms are adapted to releasably engage a container or other structure and are connected to and move with the carriage along the entire length of the elongated body when the central hydraulic cylinder is extended or retracted, where extension of the central cylinder moves the carriage to the front end of the elongated body and necessarily causes the container or other structure attached to one of the first or second engaging mechanism to be loaded onto the elongated body; and

c. a second pair of hydraulic cylinders connected to the transport vehicle and to the elongated body and oriented such that when the pair of cylinders are extended the front end of elongated body is lifted to a position above the rear end of the elongated body.

10. (canceled)